



Kentucky Air National Guard Dinner
(05 March 05)



TAG in the Field (16 April 05)



A Day at the Races – Derby 05 (07 May 05)



Bluegrass Station Building Naming (31 May 05)



COL (Ret) Alfaro Historian Emeritus Presentation (08 June 05)



Youth Camp (16 July 05)



Katrina Visit (06 September 05)



2006

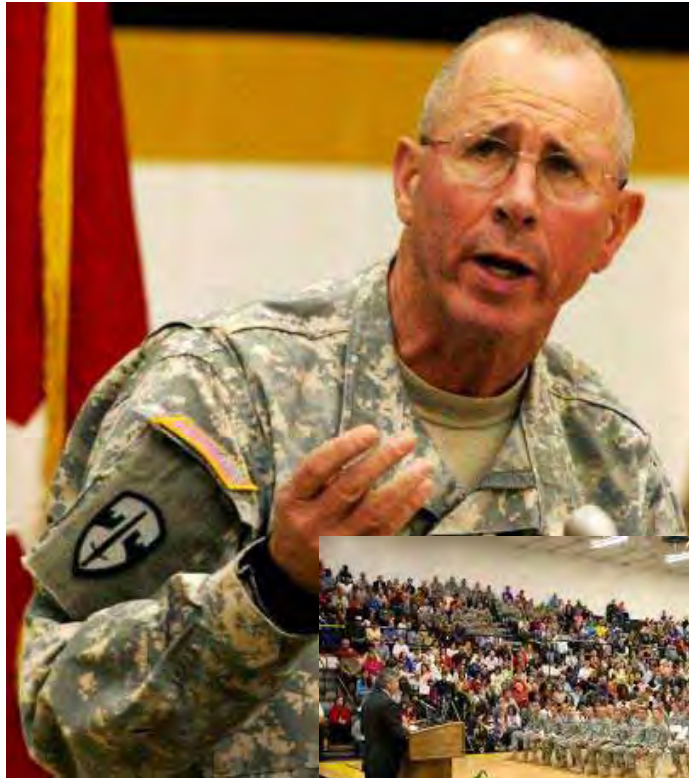


Departures/Deployments 2006





1/149th Infantry Departure Ceremony (29 June 06)



Deployment Ceremony
A, 2/138th Field Artillery
(14 October 06)



Homecomings/Welcome Home/Freedom Salutes 2006



940th Military Police Welcome Home
(10 January 06)



"Can You Hear Me Now?"



Freedom Salute, 617th Military Police (11 June 06)



Freedom Salute, RAOC 2/123rd Armor (29 July 06)



Welcome Home, 206th Chemical (04 August 06)



Freedom Salute - D, 1/149th Infantry
(03 December 06)

Overseas Visits 2006



Ecuador Visit (15 May 06)





Iraq Visit (October 06)

Promotion and Award Ceremonies 2006



SGT Vaile Promotion (09 January 06)



COL Owens Bronze Star Medal Presentation (01 April 06)



COL Miller Award Ceremony (06 April 06)



COL Dolan Promotion Ceremony (28 April 06)



Linder, Thomas, and Gardner Promotion Ceremony (31 August 06)

Programs and Ceremonies 2006

TAG Greet President
Bush (11 January 06)



NGA Conference
(12 February 06)





KYNG Balloon (30 June 06)



OCS Graduation Ceremony (19 August 06)



Sturgis and Clay 50th Anniversary Ceremony (22 September 06)





Freedom Calls (16 December 06)



Kerry Miller Painting Unveiling
(19 December 06)

2007



Departures/Deployments 2007



Departure Ceremony 438th Military Police (10 November 07)

Homecomings/Welcome Home/Freedom Salutes 2007



Homecoming Ceremony (30 January 07)



Welcome Home Ceremony – C, 2/123rd
(24 June 07)



Welcome Home 410th Quartermaster (25 August 07)



2123rd Home Coming (01 October 07)

Overseas Visits 2007





Ecuador Visit (March 07)





Afghanistan Visit (29 August 07)



Afghanistan Visit (August 07)

Promotion and Award Ceremonies 2007



BG Dornbush Promotion Ceremony (06 January 07)



BG Heltzel Promotion Ceremony
(16 February 07)



Command Historian's Award Ceremony (26 June 07)



1SG Denny BSM Presentation (01 November 07)

Programs and Ceremonies 2007



Soldier of the Year (03 March 07)





Storm Center
Dedication
Ceremony
(04 March 07)





Water Emergency (13 March 07)





60th Anniversary Kentucky Air National Guard (21 April 07)





Raven 42 and SGT Hester Paintings Unveilings (25 Jul 07)





Shiloh Staff Ride (08 August 07)





Recruiting Announcement
(01 November 07)



Healing Field Dedication Ceremony (10 November 07)





CSM (Ret) Disney Training Site Dedication Ceremony (19 November 07)





COL Ricky Bransum Receives the
Legion of Merit



Governor and the First Lady
with Staff Members
(19 November 07)





THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND STAFF OF THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD 2003 – 2007

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THE COIN OF MAJOR GENERAL DONALD C. STORM

“COINING” TRADITION IN THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD



The tradition of “coining” is relative new to the United States military, however, it has its roots in the Roman Empire, where coins were presented for achievement.

American military legend has it that during the First World War a wealthy young American flyer ordered

medallions struck in solid bronze carrying the emblem of his squadron, these he presented to every member of his squadron. He carried his medallion in a small leather pouch around his neck.

While on a mission, shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilot’s aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire, forcing him to land in enemy territory, whereupon he was captured by a German patrol. The Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. The American was taken to a small French village located near the front. That evening he took advantage of a bombardment and escaped. He successfully avoided German patrols and made his way back to friendly lines, where he stumbled into a French outpost. The French in this sector had been plagued by saboteurs. The French nor the American could speak the others language and not recognizing the young American as a pilot and allied to their cause thought him a saboteur and made preparations to execute him. Just in time the young pilot remembered his leather pouch and the medallion. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners, who recognized the squadron insignia engraved on the medallion and delayed the execution long enough to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him, he was presented a bottle of wine. Returning to his squadron, it soon became a tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times.

In the 1960s, a member of the 11th Special Forces Group took old coins and had them over-stamped with a different emblem, then presented them to unit members. The idea of minting a unit coin for a U.S. military unit came from a commander of the 10th Special Forces Group.

The tradition of “coining” Kentucky National Guard personnel by the Adjutant General was initiated by Major General Robert L. DeZarn, who presented coins to soldiers for military achievement. The tradition of “coining” began by MG DeZarn has been continued by each successive Adjutant General

Today, the coins presented by Kentucky’s Adjutant General are highly prized by the Kentucky Guard personnel who earn them. They symbolize their military professionalism.

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